WHEREAS, Our country is founded on the fatherhood of God and the brother-hood of man, and on the principles that these imply of recognizing our responsibilities to God and His laws, and our responsibilities to one another of respecting each person's liberty while securing each person's justice, under the guiding hand of mutual forebearance and love; and,

WHEREAS, We often and lamentably fall short of following these prin-ciples designed for keeping a right order between man and his creator among men, and for ensuring the peace that follows from such order; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of such many sins and failures against our creator and our fellowman, injustice crushes the human spirit with a weight of bitterness, and we lost part of our liberty because beset by hidden dis-honesty and open crime; and,

WHEREAS, The troubles that afflict us in larger groups, in towns and cities and states, come from the untold multiplied sins and weaknesses of individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, We call on individuals and families to recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and to ask forgiveness of their creator and of one another for all wrongs committed whether by design or through weakness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, hearkening back to President Lincoln's call for a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer on April 30, 1863, and hoping similarly for a new springtime of life, healing and happiness among brothers, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 23, 1975, as a

DAY OF FORGIVING

in the State of South Dakota, and call on individuals and families to extend forgiveness to all for wrongs they may themselves have suffered and to observe this day as each demms fit and finds strength, in the humble exercise of prayer and fasting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE